## Introduction

The model ordinances, policies, resolutions and best management practices contained in this document and associated disk are strictly for the purpose of providing guidance to local governments in applying techniques that may assist in moving toward more sustainable development practices. The document provides suggestions to local governments about actions they might take to implement the goals and principles associated with sustainable development. The idea is to give elected officials and local government staff a starting point for addressing the issues that confront their communities and our state.

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